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My Darling:

I guess you thought Marge and I had forgot you, completely. It is not so. I have not been too well of late, and Marge has been downright sick; with a bug, lingering cold. Mine was a cold, also. And I thought I'd never get over it, though I did try to keep on working. In fact, I'm on my way now, from San Diego to Denver, where I have another concert before I go home. I had 500 high and 100 kids in San Diego, for 3 days. The concert in Denver will be birth a so. Baptist Church choir. Which is very good, I hear.

Oh, I'm so proud of you, Miss Savage, and I pray that your move to Pittsburg will be the beginning of the most interesting and successful phase of your entire career. How

are you these days? I'm fine, now, and my arthritis in my right hip is under control. Although God, I can deal with whatever circumstance I find myself involved in.

When I return home from these 9 days away, I'll have almost 2 weeks off. We'll welcome vacation, though I'm in love with my work and enjoy each and every concert. How much of your time do you have to give to the university there? And how do you like your new home? Are you getting adjusted to it?

Marge is fine now, though she is terribly thin. She has to put on more weight and to work like crazy, to keep mine down. I can put on 5 lbs. just walking through our kitchen.

The govt. wanted me to go to Laire, to do an Easter program, but I have too many concerts here, at that time.

We have put it off until Oct. Then, I'll probably go from Lairo to Tschekoslovakia, before I return home. If our plan works out as of now, I'll be there at Christmas time of 1979.

Sweetheart, I went to the bank and bought a little money order for you, the day before I left home. And I just remembered that I left it at home. Please forgive me. I'll send this letter on and mail the check to you, when I return. I thank you for the most interesting article you sent me, and I wish you all the success you so greatly deserve. I'll always love you.

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